

Minutes

City of Falcon Heights, Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
August 13, 2012
6:30PM
City Hall

Meeting Chair: Melissa Weber-Sanders (absent)

Minutes By: Michelle Tesser

Present members: Serena Jones-White, Matthew Waite (absent), Lonetta Hanson, Tom Keene

Youth member: Luke Mielke

Staff: Michelle Tesser, Tim Pittman

Council Liaison: Keith Gosline (absent)

1. Meeting called to order 6:30 PM

2. Approval of Minutes July 9th meeting minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved. Mielke/Keene

3. Welcome New Commissioners- Christina Erickson and Gordon Strom

4. Summer Camp Update

Mid-summer survey results were good, no negative comments were received. The amount of surveys completed was pretty low. The end of the summer surveys will go out next week hopefully with a better turn out. August camps are going well. Again, Lil Explorer camp had fabulous numbers. Two new programs: Harry Potter Camp and Sports Sampler have great numbers as well and will run.

Lacrosse sports equipment for Lacrosse Camp went missing. Tesser looked all over but the Community Park lockers were in really bad shape so the equipment could have been easily stolen. New locks are being replaced. Tesser had to purchase all new lacrosse equipment at Sports Authority which totaled \$220.00.

Adventure Camp did not get the numbers needed again this year to run. This camp will have to either be replaced or revamped. Next year, Tesser plans to offer basketball or soccer camp.

The Parks and Recreation Garden plot grew a lot of vegetables even after Cooking Naturally class was over. All unused vegetables were given to the Adopt a Crop program, the donated vegetables weighed in at 17lbs.

5. Ice Cream Social Recap

Overall, it was another great turn out for the Ice Cream Social with an estimated 300-400 people. During the afternoon it looked like rain would come in but it didn't and although it was cloudy there were hints of sun throughout the event. Revenue received was \$1,100. That was around the same amount as in 2011 with approx 500-600 people in attendance. The reason for the greater amount of revenue was the extra bouncy slide. Kids enjoyed the bouncy castle and slide. The Bouncy castle vendor was fifteen minutes late, Tesser did complain to the owner of the company. Ultimate Frisbee at the end of the event was well attended. A thank you letter went out to the Lions for their generous help dishing out ice cream and putting up the two tents.

6. Fall Programming

Flyers will be distributed to local schools instead of fall programming brochure. There will be Yoga in the Park one this fall. Fall soccer and tennis registrations are steadily growing.

7. Fall Events Planning

5k Family Fun Run/Walk 9/29/2012

Currently, Tesser is advertising the event, early bird registration ends on August 29th the fee will go from \$15 to \$25 individually. This changed from last year because there were so little pre-registrations which made it difficult to order tshirts and estimate food/beverages. Tesser still needs to find donations, winner prizes, volunteers (talked to CERT coordinator Kris Grangaard to help).

8. Public Works Report

➤ Update

- Sign placement for state fair (280 signs)
- Tree trimming/mowing/streetscape safety/visibility
- Street sign replacement
- Sidewalk paneling
- TIES drainage/holding tanks for rainwater and underground storage
- LED decorative light replacement on Larpenteur and city hall parking lot. \$4,000 to replace all lights, should last 15-20 years with 1/3 off power used.

9. Goodbye to Luke Mielke, Youth Commissioner

Luke was given a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Parks Commission.

10. New Business

- Next meeting: No September meeting
- Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:30p.m.

11. Adjournment – 7:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Tesser. If there are any corrections or additions, please contact Michelle Tesser by phone at 651-792-7617 or by email at Michelle.tesser@falconheights.org